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**MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT  
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**SUBJECT: DCMC Memorandum No. 97-37, Management Council Reduction of Redundant  
Supplier Audits**

This is an INFORMATION Memorandum. The purpose is to encourage DCMC personnel under the auspices of local management councils, to work with prime contractors to reduce the performance of redundant supplier audits.

We all view supplier control as a critically important facet of prime contractor responsibility. At the same time, we realize there are substantial costs associated with supplier control and that when each prime contractor routinely audits suppliers independently, supplier audits can be duplicative, repetitive, and costly. Supplier control is an area where contractors can often be more efficient and effective working collectively, rather than independently. We therefore welcome and applaud credible third party programs and industry efforts to self-control (e.g., the National Aerospace Contractors Accreditation Program (NADCAP), Coordinating Agency for Supplier Evaluation (CASE)).

Clearly, DoD has been supportive of such efforts. Representatives from the Services, the Defense Agencies (including DLA/DCMC) and other federal agencies serve as liaisons to industry groups dedicated to reducing redundant audits. DCMC has long recognized the value of third party/industry efforts. DCMC personnel have been directed to consider credible third party/industry approvals as evidence of prime contractor supplier control.

It is now time for DCMC to play a more proactive role. I therefore encourage DCMC personnel to work with contractors within their local management councils, to actively look for ways to reduce or eliminate unnecessary, redundant prime contractor audits of suppliers, by relying on credible third party/industry approvals where feasible. Industry and Government both realize significant benefits from effective, efficient supplier controls. HQ DCMC point of contact is Dick Kane, Product and Manufacturing Assurance Team, (AQOG), at DSN 427-2408 or (703) 767-2408, e-mail: richard\_kane@hq.dla.mil.

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